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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3349

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH UK PARTICIPANTS IN THE
JUNE 18 ARTICLE 113 MEETING (REFTEL), WE HAVE PASSED
MESSAGES TO ORTOLI, SOMAES, AND GUNDELACH, VIA THEIR CHEFS
DE CABINET, ABOUT THE UPCOMING DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XXIV-6
NEGOTIATIONS. AFTER REPEATING OUR INTEREST IN THE
COMMISSION BEING ABLE TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS,
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WE POINTED OUT THE LIKELY ADVERSE REACTION IN THE US SHOULD THE EC COUNCIL ON JUNE 25-26 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO EXPLORE FURTHER CONCESSIONS FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES BUT NOT RPT NOT FOR THE US. (AS INDICATED IN THE REFTEL AND RECENT REPORTING FROM PARIS AND OTHER POSTS, THE FRENCH MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ENVISAGE SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE THE EC' S PURELY QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS SHOWS A DEBIT POSITION FOR THE COMMUNITY; E. G., AUSTRALIA, POLAND, AND A FEW OTHER COUNTIRES).

2. THE COMMISSIONER' S STAFF MEMBERS SAID IN SUBSTANCE (A) THE COMMISSION IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM; (B) WE ARE RIGHT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PITFALL WHICH THE FRENCH MAY WELL TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON IN CONNECTION WITH THE EC COUNCIL MEETING; AND (C) OUR MESSAGE WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY' S DELIBERATIONS ON THE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

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